



## *Friends of Compton Creek*

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February 13, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway Suite, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support for Compton Creek Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the Coastal Conservancy Staff Proposal to fund a feasibility study for restoring the earthen-bottom portion of Compton Creek.

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The study will include the following elements:

- Gap data collection,
- Engineering (HEC-RAS and Channel Capacity Evaluation),
- Cost and feasibility analysis for implementation of creek enhancements,
- Biology for wetland, riparian and upland habitat enhancement and restoration under highly urbanized conditions,
- Trail access improvements, and
- Designs and cost estimates for at least four habitat enhancement and trail scenarios.

We incorporated in 2001 with the goal of improving the Compton Creek for the people of Compton. Most recently we've won a grant from the LA County Open Space District to connect our municipal bike path with LA County's bike path running through the proposed project area. This project will be completed in the next several years, allowing the children of Compton to ride their bikes all the way to the beach in the city of Long Beach. The restoration feasibility study is important to us because we want our children to have an experience in nature and feel connected to the Los Angeles River and the Pacific Ocean as they ride down through Compton Creek.

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Letter of Support for Feasibility Study (Continued)

We are excited about the benefits the results of this study will offer.

Sincerely,

  
Kristine R. Bailey  
Acting Executive Director

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***RE: Support for Compton Creek Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study***

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing on behalf of Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) a non-profit river advocacy organization with over twenty years of service for communities and nature. FoLAR supports the Coastal Conservancy staff proposal to fund a feasibility study for restoration of the soft-bottom portion of Compton Creek.

The Compton Creek Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study will investigate improving habitat and public access along the downstream three miles of lower Compton Creek, immediately before its confluence with the Los Angeles River.

Lower Compton Creek is one of only six significant non-concrete stretches of creek- and river-bed in the urbanized portion of the Los Angeles River watershed. The creek is located adjacent to the Metro Blue Line, hence very accessible to transit riders. It also has easy bike access via the newly opened Compton Creek Bikeway and the Lario Trail on the lower L.A. River. FoLAR hosts annual clean-ups there and leads occasional walking tours of the area. Restoration of Compton Creek will serve environmental justice by bringing nature to highly urbanized underserved areas, with residents that are primarily Latino and African-American.

Though lower Compton Creek is very degraded, it still hosts egrets, herons, ducks, hawks, migrating waterfowl and shrikes. I urge you to support efforts to bring this waterway back to health.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Shelly Backlar, Executive Director

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A small portion of the project area is within our city, we support the study because it will mesh with the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Master Plan, which was funded by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and adopted by our City Council.



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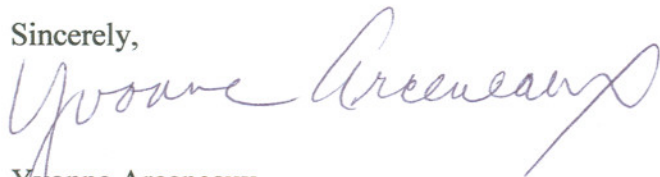
February 12, 2007

Support for Compton Creek Wetlands Study (Continued)

As Councilwoman of the Third District, I fought hard for twelve years to improve the condition of Compton Creek, which included the development of the Regional Garden Park Master Plan. I also see that we need to connect this first-class plan with the Los Angeles River, and the rest of Los Angeles County.

I am, therefore, pleased to give my support to this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Yvonne Arceneaux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "Y" and a long, horizontal stroke for the "A".

Yvonne Arceneaux  
Councilwoman-3<sup>rd</sup> District

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